

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants have carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

The Applicants amended Claims 1, 5 and 8, and canceled claim 4 and 9. Accordingly, Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-14 are currently pending in the application.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 4, 5 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. While the Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's basis of rejection for the claims as previously submitted, to expedite prosecution of the present application, they have amended independent Claims 1 and 8 to incorporate the elements of Claims 4 and 9, respectively. Claims 4 and 9 are canceled. Claim 5 is amended to be an independent Claim incorporating the elements of Claim 1. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass all currently pending Claims to issue.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a timely Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-14.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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